BUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir. The estimate of Rapeseed & Mustared production during 1991-92 is 55-57 lakh tonnes, as against 51.5 lakh tonnes in 1990-91).

(b) and (c). Imports in a particular year depends upon various factors like availability of foreign exchange, international prices of edible oils, indegenous production of edible oils etc.

(d) During the current oil year 1991-92,(November to October), the State Trading Corporation Ltd has so far imported 0.95 lakh MTs of palmolein upto 26.3.1992. In addition seven State Govts have been permitted to import 80,000 Mts of palmolein directly upto the end of March'1992.

Amount of Cess Realised from Coal Mines

5638. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of cess realised from the Coal Mines under Bharat Coking Coal Limited during each of the last three years;

(b) the percent of such cess spent for the development of the area where such mines are located; and

(c) the details of the developmental work done so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B.NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). Under the Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, 1974, the Central Government is collecting excise duty on despatches of coal and coke. The present rate of collection of excise duty is Rs. 4.25 per tonne on coking coal despatches and Rs. 3.50 on non-coking coal. The realisation of excise duty on despatches of coal by Bharat Coking Coal Limited during the last 3 years is given as under:-

Year	*Rs. in crores*
1988-89	13.33
1989-90	9.12
1990-91	7.51

The collection of Excise duty is utilised for meeting the expenditure on the activities such as sand stowing and other protective works, conservation of coal, introduction of new technology in coal mines, improvement of safety in mines and development of roads in coalfield areas etc.

Availability of Water

5639. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will thePRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of per capita availability of water in the country, STate-wise;

(b) whether the per capita availability of water in two Southern districts of Tamil Nadu is the lowest ; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to augement availability of water in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The information available for the various States based on the reports received from them is given in the enclosed statement.

(b) Because of inadequate ground water potential and due to difficulty in securing potable perennial sources, the per capita availability of water in the two southern dis-

tricts of Ramnathapuram and Pasumpon is the lowest.

(c) The steps being taken to augment availability of water in Tamil Nadu include boring of 1000 wells every year as compensatory borewells for the failed sources. Priority is being given for supply of drinking water to the habitations having lesser per capita supply. Combined water supply schemes are being taken up for solving the various problems. Attempts are also being made to find out least cost solutions to treat the available sources as a pilot study such as desalination, iron removal, fluoride removal etc.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	*Name of the State/UTs*	*Per capita availability of drinking water(litres)*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Assam	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	25.70
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	50
4.	Bihar	40
5.	Goa	23.40
6.	Gujarat	40
7.	Haryana	30
8.	Himachal Pradesh	
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	
10.	Karnataka	
11.	Kerala	40
12.	Madhya Pradesh	24
13.	Maharashtra	40
14.	Manipur	37.79
15.	Meghalaya	40
16.	Mizoram	40

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs	Per capita availability of drinking water(litres)
1	2	3
17.	Nagaland	40
18.	Orissa	
19.	Punjab	40
20.	Rajasthan	33
21.	Sikkim	40
22.	Tamil Nadu	40
23.	Tripura	25
24.	Uttar Pradesh	25
25.	West Bengal	
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	
27.	Chandigarh	115
28.	Daman & Diu	
29.	Lakshadweep	
30.	Pondicherry	40
31.	Delhi	68
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	25

Blank means informations is awaited from the State/UT Government.

Investment in Neyveli Lignite Power Project

5640. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN:
SHRI C. SREENIVAASAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any offer has been made by any foreign company or the NRI for investment in Neyveli Lignite Power Generation